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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, 15th March 1956.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI N. GOPALA MENON) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Cyclone

Short Notice Starred Question.

* 43 *Q*.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the advance of three months' salary has been sanctioned to those officials living in their own houses within the Cyclone-affected areas in Tiruchirappalli, Tanjore and Ramanathapuram districts;

(*b*) whether the loan help is of a general nature and whether it applies to officials occupying Government buildings as well;

(*c*) whether officials occupying Government quarters in Pudukottai division of Tiruchirappalli district, including Police constables in the Reserved Armed Force have been denied the above salary advance; and

(*d*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No special instructions have been issued regarding the advance of pay to Government officials occupying Government buildings. All non-Gazetted Government servants who, in the sanctioning authority's opinion, have sustained some loss relative to their resources are eligible for the advance of pay.

(*c*) & (*d*) It is reported that advances for cyclone relief were not denied to those including Police constables who were eligible, as per orders of the Government. However, the Inspector-General of Police has been asked to send a detailed report in the matter.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that while the grant has not been made specific, still the loans have been withheld from a number of constables holding permanent posts with hundreds of rupees to their credit in their Provident Fund accounts?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, the question is whether they have sustained any loss due to the cyclone. It is only in those cases loans are advanced. If there are any cases where they have sustained losses and they do need these advances, certainly their requests would be granted.

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SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Sir, I am very glad to express the opinion of the public that the present Government are extending their sympathetic attitude towards Harijans here also. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether this Government will still extend their sympathetic attitude to the Harijans affected by the cyclone and treat 50 per cent of the amount given to them as free-grant?

THE HON. SRI. C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have tried to help all poor people irrespective of caste, creed, or community.

Arrest of Muslim peasants in Kinaloor amsam

* 3416 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any reports regarding the arrest of 26 Muslim peasants in Kinaloor amsam near Balusseri, Kurumbranad taluk, North Malabar, on 27th August 1955 by the Inspector of Police, Badagara, in connexion with the eviction proceedings against them?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is not quite correct to say that 26 Muslim peasants were arrested on 27th August 1955. Actually seven persons only were arrested on that day on a complaint of alleged house trespass. The arrested persons were charged under section 448, I.P.C., in the Court of Sub-Magistrate, Badagara, but have since been discharged by the Court.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Are the Government aware, Sir, that these Muslims were arrested because the landlord wanted to evict them from their huts in which they had lived for years together, and it is in the interest of the landlord that the Police interfered and arrested these people? May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government are aware of the fact that in Malabar the Police Department interferes even in cases of eviction of tenants and supports the landlords as a general rule? Will the Government be pleased to stop this and see that in cases like these the judicial authorities take a decision? Will the Government be pleased to instruct the Police Department there not to interfere in cases like these?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Both the question and the supplementaries arising out of it are a little bit misleading. As a matter of fact in this case, the landlord went to the Court, obtained a decree, and in execution of the decree, he wanted to take possession. There was obstruction on the part of persons who were occupying the huts, and it is only in pursuance of the Court decree and the Court order that the Police help was sought and given. Therefore there was no question of the Police coming into the scene without the judicial authorities having been resorted to first.

SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR : Sir, are the Government aware that the landlord is the father of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar, a Member of this House, and that this information would be more useful to the hon. Member?